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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO PROTECT THE WORLD AND DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

100 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED X WORKS ALONGSIDE THE MAVERICK HUNTERS TO PRESERVE PEACE BETWEEN ROBOT AND HUMANKIND!

MEGA MAN™ MEGAMAN X™

DAWN OF X

PREVIOUSLY...

In the Present...

Mega Man was on the hunt for eight rogue Robot Masters and the precious Energy Elements that they stole. His search brought him to a long-lost weapons bunker built by Dr. Wily. Inside, he found the Wily Walker – a mobile weapons platform of terrible power and seemingly unstoppable force...

In the Future...

The Wily Walker has been reactivated and marches straight for a major city. X has joined the Maverick Hunters Zero and Vile in their attempts at stopping the ancient terror. To X's relief, the super-powerful Sigma arrived to help as well.

Together as a team, X and the Hunters stand strong and brace themselves for the final fight...

CHARACTER SELECT

MEGA MAN
SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT

DR. LIGHT
CREATOR OF MEGA MAN & X

DR. WILY
REFORMED(?) MAD SCIENTIST

X
THE FIRST LIVING ROBOT

SIGMA
LEADER OF THE MAVERICK HUNTERS

ZERO
ELITE HUNTER/X'S BEST FRIEND

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BADLANDS. YEAR: 21XX...

I DON'T GET IT. BEFORE, IT WOULDN'T *STOP* FOR ANYTHING.

WILY WALKER
ANCIENT WEAPONS PLATFORM

X
FIRST TRULY LIVING ROBOT

SIGMA
LEADER OF THE MAVERICK HUNTERS

ZERO
ACE HUNTER & X'S BEST FRIEND

VILE
ACE HUNTER

DAWN OF X
FINALE: INHERITANCE

UNS: OFFLINE
HEM: OFFLINE
GUN: OFFLINE
LR CHEM:
GED- **ONLINE**
UN 1: OFFLINE
N 2: OFFLINE
N 3: **ONLINE**
N 4: OFFLINE
N 5: OFFLINE
N 6: **ONLINE**
N 7: **ONLINE**

NOW IT'S JUST...STANDING THERE.

BE READY FOR ANYTHING, X.

>>ANALYZING...
>>TARGETS REGISTER AS EXTREME THREAT
>>ARMING ALL CHEMICAL WARHEADS FOR IMMEDIATE LAUNCH...

YEAH, ABOUT THAT --WHY IS *HE* STILL HERE? THIS IS NO PLACE FOR BLEEDING-HEART CIVILIANS!

DOES IT NEED TO BE OFFICIAL? FINE. HE'S HERE BY *MY* REQUEST.

KEEP IT OFF-BALANCE. I WILL TARGET THE WEAK POINTS DR. CAIN FOUND. IF IT UNLEASHES ITS CHEMICAL WEAPONS, STOP THEM AT *ALL* COSTS!

YES, SIR!

BRATTA-TATTA

BLAM!

BOOM!

HIDDEN MESA LAB. YEAR: 20XX...

SCREEEE

BOOM!

THAT'S IT...NO MORE...I CAN'T GO ON.

YOU CAN --RRRGH!--AND YOU *WILL!*

MEGA MAN TO DR. LIGHT--DR. WILY --*ANYBODY!* WE NEED A PLAN *NOW!*

PHARAOH MAN
ARCHAEOLOGIST ROBOT

MEGA MAN
THE BLUE BOMBER

BRIGHT MAN
ILLUMINATING ROBOT

COPY THAT, SON. WE'VE GOT ONE FOR YOU! FIRST, WE NEED YOU TO MODIFY BRIGHT MAN'S COMPONENTS.

...REALLY?

BE QUICK ABOUT IT! I'LL HOLD OFF THE WALKER AS LONG AS I CAN!

VWOOSH!

UMM...I JUST LOST POWER TO MY ARM-LIGHT...

THEY'RE HAVING ME REROUTE A LOT OF YOUR OUTPUT...

DOCTOR COSSACK ...ARE YOU *OKAY* WITH THIS?

LIGHT LABS...

IT IS... FOR THE GREATER GOOD.

YES, YES-- *QUIET,* MIKHAIL! I'M WORKING!

NOW--REMOVE THE SAFETY BLOCK ON CIRCUIT BOARD CBN-R02. YOU'LL FIND THAT RIGHT NEXT TO THE AMP MODULATOR...

DR. COSSACK
CREATOR OF PHARAOH MAN & BRIGHT MAN

DR. WILY
"REFORMED" MAD SCIENTIST

YOU BE CAREFUL, RUSH. THERE'S STILL REPAIRS I WANTED TO DO...*

HE'LL BE FINE, ROLL. HE'S A GOOD DOG. HE KNOWS WHAT TO DO.

ROLL
MEGA MAN'S SISTER

RUSH
FAITHFUL ROBO-DOG

DR. LIGHT
MEGA MAN'S CREATOR & FATHER

Bwoo-wip

Bwoo-wip

*MEGA MAN#36.

RUSH! GET BACK! IT'S ABOUT TO--!

BOOM!

THE WILY WALKER IS GOING TO DESTROY PHARAOH MAN!

DONE! BRIGHT MAN--FULL POWER!

FWASH!

FLASH STOPPER

SYSTEM FAILURE

D-DID I DO THAT ...?

HANG ON, PHARAOH MAN!

I'M ATTACHING THE DISABLER TO THE WIRING FROM ACCESS PANEL EIGHTEEN. IS THAT RIGHT, DR. WILY?

PHARAOH MAN? ARE YOU--?

ARF! ARF!

I KNOW! I KNOW! I JUST...

...DR. WILY?! HURRY, BEFORE IT COMES BACK ONLINE!

YES!

YOU'RE RIGHT-- I'M COMING!

CREEEEEEAK

CREEEEAK

WHOA!

CREEEAAK!

WHEW! THANKS, PHARAOH MAN.

ANY TIME. KZT LET'S NOT MAKE A HABIT OF THIS, THOUGH.

IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?! IS IT FINALLY OVER?!

WE LOST THE WILY WALKER TO THE CHASM. I SAY WE CAVE IT IN FOR GOOD MEASURE.

AND DO YOU MIND?

WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE IT DOWN THERE. WHAT IF WE...

I'M AFRAID IT'S WHAT WE'LL HAVE TO DO, SON.

DOCTOR LIGHT?

WE DON'T HAVE THE MEANS OF EXCAVATING IT, NOR WOULD WE BE ABLE TO STOP IT IF IT CAME BACK ONLINE.

WE'VE SENT ALONG A RECORDED WARNING FOR JUST THIS SITUATION. WE COMPILED ALL OF DR. WILY'S DATA AND PUT IT IN THERE.

SO LEAVE IT WITH THE WALKER...

...AND LET'S HOPE FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO FINISH THE JOB WE BEGAN.

MEANWHILE-- AT THE CHRONOS INSTITUTE...

WHERE DID HE GO?!

Y-YOU'VE BEEN S-SHOT!

YEAH, IT'S NOW PART OF MY COLLECTION. ***WHERE DID XANDER PAYNE GO?***

ROSLYN KRANTZ
FEDERAL AGENT

GIL D. STERN
FEDERAL AGENT

DR. SHOU KOUIN
TIME RESEARCHER

IT'S NOT SO MUCH A MATTER OF "WHERE" AS MUCH AS "WHEN"! HE JUMPED DIRECTLY INTO AN UNTESTED, UNREGULATED TIME-FIELD!

=*SIGH*= I'M GETTING TOO OLD FOR THIS SCI-FI GARBAGE...

OKAY, SO...***TIME TRAVEL.*** IS THERE ANY WAY TO TRACK WHERE--SORRY--***WHEN*** HE WENT? ANY WAY TO FORCE HIM BACK? WHAT ARE OUR OP--

VOIP

THUD!

WOW--WHAT *TIMING.* AS WE WERE SAYING--XANDER PAYNE, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

AND LOOK AT THAT. WHEREVER HE WENT, THEY GIFT-WRAPPED HIM FOR US.

XANDER PAYNE
ANTI-ROBOTICS EXTREMIST

YOU MEAN "*WHEN*EVER."

*WHAT*EVER.

EXCUSE ME--AGENTS? I REALIZE THIS ISN'T THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT, BUT...

IT'S NOT. I NEED TO BOOK A CON AND GET MY PARTNER TO THE HOSPITAL.

...YES, BUT THIS MAN IS THE FIRST *TIME-TRAVELER* IN HISTORY! *ER,* RELATIVELY SPEAKING.

WHAT DID YOU SEE WHEN YOU WENT INTO THE PAST?

NOT PAST... MESSED UP...WENT *FORWARD*...

WRONG... IT ALL GOES *WRONG*... AND I *HAVE* TO *STOP* IT...

BADLANDS. YEAR 21XX...

VVT!

CLUD!

WHAM!

VVVT!

NO WAY.

SIGMA!

GRR-- COVER ME!

WHOOSH

THOOM

SORRY ABOUT THAT, SIR. THIS IS YOURS.

NO, I WAS CARELESS.

GOOD WORK, ZERO. PERHAPS YOU SHOULD GET A SABER OF YOUR OWN.

LOOK OUT!

SCREEEEECH!

RRRRGH!

CHUNK!

VVT!

CLAN

X?! AW, MAN-- ARE YOU OKAY?!

HRRGH!

I--IS IT OVER?

NOT WHAT I ASKED YOU, BUDDY.

CAN THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS STILL BE LAUNCHED? ARE THE PEOPLE *SAFE?*

THEY WILL BE.

THIS IS COMMANDER SIGMA TO HUNTER HQ. HAVE FLAME MAMMOTH AND HIS UNIT BROUGHT IN TO MANAGE THE AREA.

I ALSO WANT A TOXINS SPECIALIST BROUGHT ONTO THE SITE. WHO DO WE HAVE ON FILE? TOXIC SEAHORSE? SOUNDS PROMISING.CHECK HIS CREDENTIALS.

YOU DID GOOD, X. WITH THAT KIND OF SKILL AND DEDICATION, YOU COULD BE A HUNTER.

YOU KEEP SAYING THAT. BUT I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO HURT ANYONE.

...KEEP THE HUMANS INDOORS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE...

BEING A HUNTER IS ABOUT *PROTECTING* PEOPLE, JUST LIKE YOU DID HERE TODAY.

YEAH, BUT...

AND SOME-TIMES...

...THAT MEANS PUTTING SOMETHING--OR SOME-*ONE*--DOWN.

PEH--THERE'S NO WAY THIS FEEBLE SCRUB COULD EVEN MAKE B-CLASS.

YOU WOKE UP SOME ROBO-SPIDER. YOU CALLED THE BIG BOYS TO HANDLE IT WHILE YOU TOOK SOME POT SHOTS AT IT.

WAY TO GO, X!

AND YOU ENDANGERED COUNTLESS LIVES BY BLOWING UP THAT OVERPASS. THAT WAS NEEDLESSLY RECKLESS. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

"WHAT WAS I THINKING?"

I WAS *THINKING* OF THE GREATER GOOD! IF I HADN'T SLOWED DOWN THAT THING, WE'D BE FIGHTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY!

A CITY FULL OF SQUISHY LITTLE HUMANS WHO NEED US EVERY WAKING HOUR!

YES, WE REPLOIDS ARE SUPERIOR TO HUMANS IN ALMOST EVERY WAY...

...WHICH IS WHY IT'S UP TO US TO PROTECT THEM. AND THAT IS WHAT YOU'VE BOTH DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF TODAY.

THANKS, COMMANDER.

YEAH, THANK YOU.

X! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WAS THE DATA I FOUND--

DR. CAIN
ARCHAEOLOGIST & CREATOR OF THE REPLOIDS

--USEFUL?

WEAPON OR NOT, IT PAINS ME TO SEE A RELIC DESTROYED...

DOCTOR CAIN! YOU *REALLY* SHOULDN'T BE HERE! THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS--!

WILL BE NEUTRALIZED, AND CLEAN-UP WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

BUT...

UNDER *MY* SUPER-VISION. YOU'VE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH, X.

YOU WORRY MORE THAN THE REST OF THE REPLOID RACE *COMBINED.* C'MON, LET'S GET YOU PATCHED UP.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT...

BWOO-WIP

BWOO-WIP

SO. ZERO SEEMS TO BE PERFORMING WELL. NO SIGNS OF HIS...PAST BEHAVIOR?

ASIDE FROM SKILL IN COMBAT, NONE WHATSOEVER.

MMM. THEN PERHAPS HE'S TRULY FORGOTTEN EVERY-THING AFTER ALL.

WHICH LEAVES HIM INCOMPLETE.

I PREFER TO THINK OF IT AS A SECOND CHANCE. SO FEW GET SUCH A GIFT.

HE'S ON A VIRTUOUS PATH NOW. SO LONG AS HE STAYS ON IT, HE SHOULD BE FINE.

AND X IS NO LESS A MYSTERY. BOTH OF THEM SO FULL OF POTENTIAL. I WONDER, DEAR CREATOR, IF THE MAN WHO BUILT X...

"...HAD ANY IDEA HOW HE'D INFLUENCE THE FUTURE?"

LIGHT LABS. YEAR 20XX...

SERIOUSLY, GUYS...I'VE BEEN THROUGH WORSE!

SHUSH! YOU NEED TO BE IN PERFECT CONDITION IF THOSE ROGUE ROBOT MASTERS SHOW UP!*

*MM#36.

HOW BAD IS IT?

NOTHING I CANNOT FIX.

AGAIN--VERY, *VERY*, ***VERY*** SORRY ABOUT THAT! I GUESS I DON'T KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH...?

QUITE SO! I MUST SAY, MIKHAIL, YOU'VE GOT SOME ROBUST DESIGNS! JUST IMAGINE WHAT WE COULD BUILD TOGETHER!

OOP! TELEPHONE, DOCTOR LIGHT!

RING RING

INDEED. MAYBE NEXT TIME, WHEN YOU NEED SAVING FROM YOUR OWN HUBRIS?

LEMME GET NEAR A WINDOW. I GET, LIKE, NO BARS IN HERE.

(I REALLY NEED TO FIX THE LANDLINE.)

HELLO? THIS IS DR. LIGHT.

HEY THERE, DOC. THIS IS FEDERAL AGENT KRANTZ, HOPING YOU'VE BEEN HAVING A QUIETER DAY THAN WE HAVE.

HARDLY. I'VE GOT QUITE THE REPORT TO WRITE UP. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

I JUST GOT A TIP FROM A FRIEND-OF-A-FRIEND. DO YOU REMEMBER THAT SPACE STATION PROJECT THAT STARTED A FEW YEARS AGO?

OTHER WAY AROUND.

AH...THE AUTOMATED HUB FOR VARIOUS ROBOTIC SPACE MISSIONS, CORRECT?

THAT'S IT.

WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE THE ROBOTS FROM FOUR OF THE NETWORKED ASTEROIDS HAVE GONE OFFLINE.

LIKE THEY'VE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY SOME NEW "ROBOT MASTER," IF YOU FOLLOW.

I DO. BUT SHOULDN'T YOU BE TELLING THE PROPER AUTHORITIES, NOT ME?

THAT'S THE THING--"SPACE" ISN'T UNDER ANYONE'S JURISDICTION, AND THE MINING COMPANY HAS NO WAY OF DEALING WITH IT. SINCE IT'S YOUR PROPERTY THAT WAS STOLEN, I--

OH, STOP IT! WE'RE JUST IN THE PARKING LOT. I'LL HANG UP BEFORE WE GET ON THE ROAD!

"WHAT WAS I...OH! ONE LAST THING REAL QUICK!

"YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO KNOW WE APPREHENDED XANDER PAYNE.

"HE WON'T BE BOTHERING ANY-ONE FOR A **LONG** TIME."

GUARD! YO--
GUARD!

YOU LOCKED ME UP WITH A LUNATIC! HE'S GOT A SHIV! GET HIM OUTTA HERE!

SCRITCH-SCRITCH

I'LL BE OUT SOON ENOUGH. I CROSSED OVER ONCE. I'LL DO IT AGAIN.

IT'S FATE. IT'S DESTINY. A LOOP. THE HANDS GO AROUND THE CLOCK. BUT THEY NEVER REALLY GET ANYWHERE.

SCRITCH-SCRITCH

YOU'LL SEE! YOU'LL SEE, JUST LIKE I HAVE! AND THEN I'LL FIND A WAY TO SAVE US ALL! NO MATTER HOW MANY LIVES IT TAKES!

HAS **XANDER** LOST IT,
OR HAS HE FORESEEN WORLDS COLLIDING?
NEXT TIME: MEGA MAN GOES ON THE HUNT FOR THE
ROGUE ROBOT MASTERS!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON **THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!**

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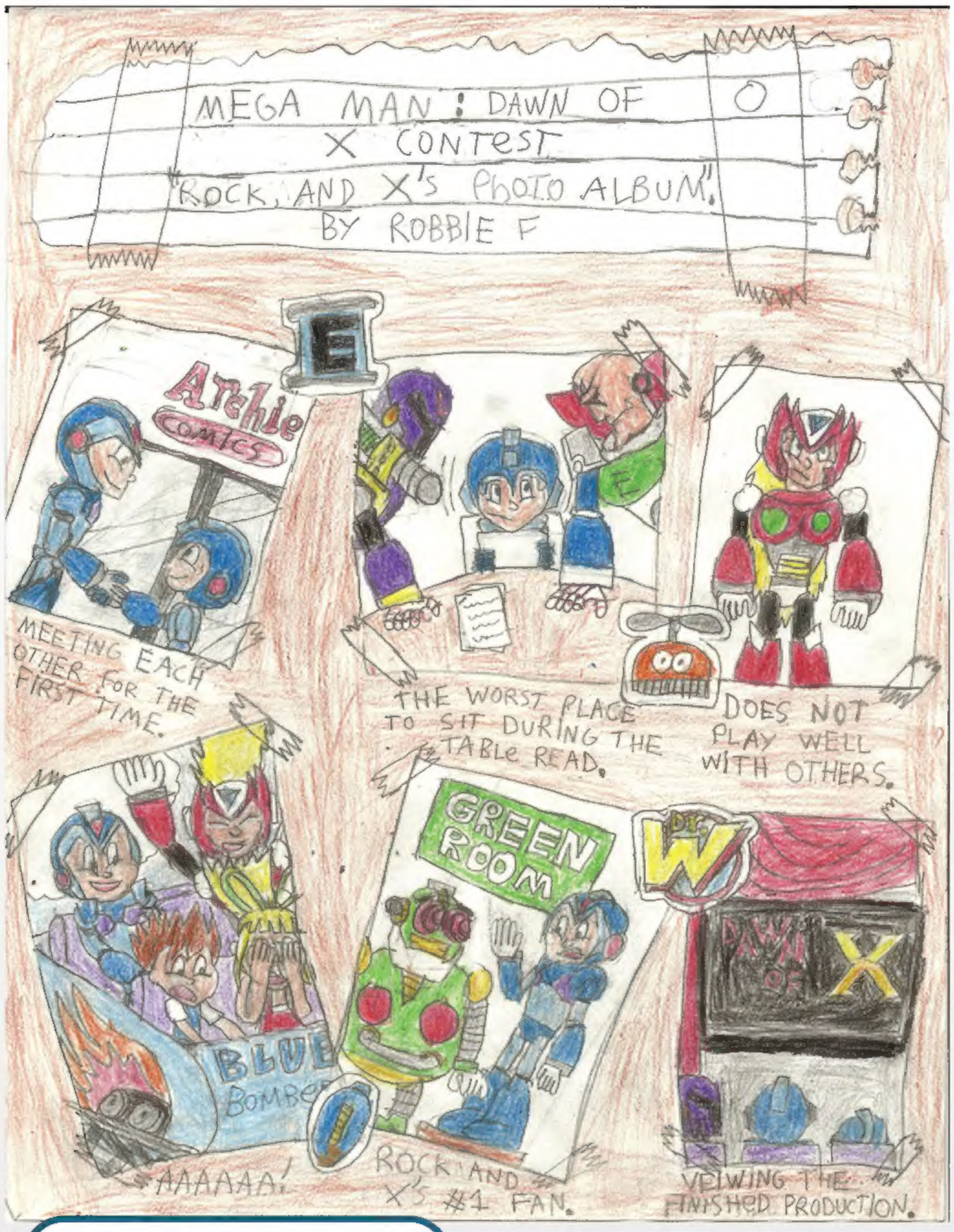
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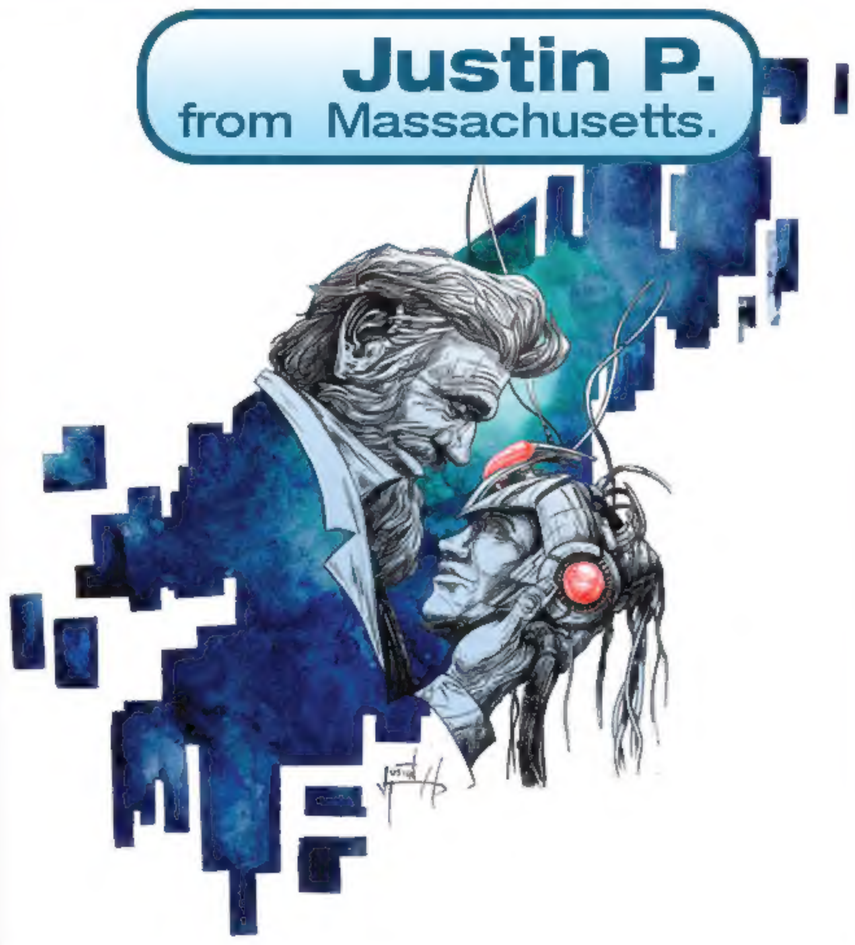

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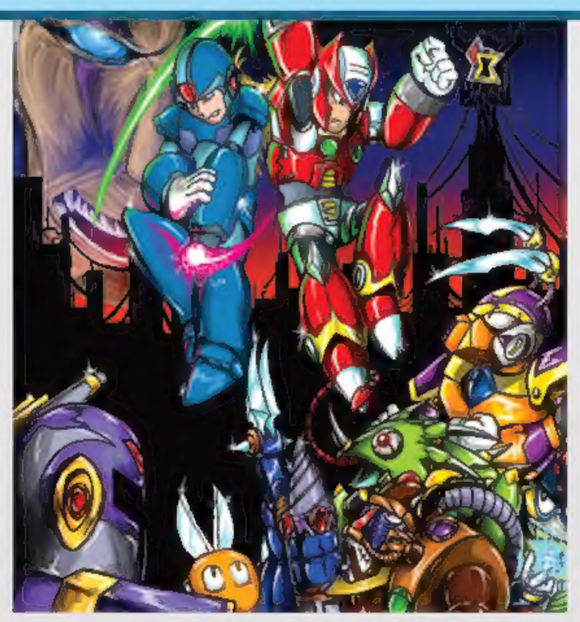

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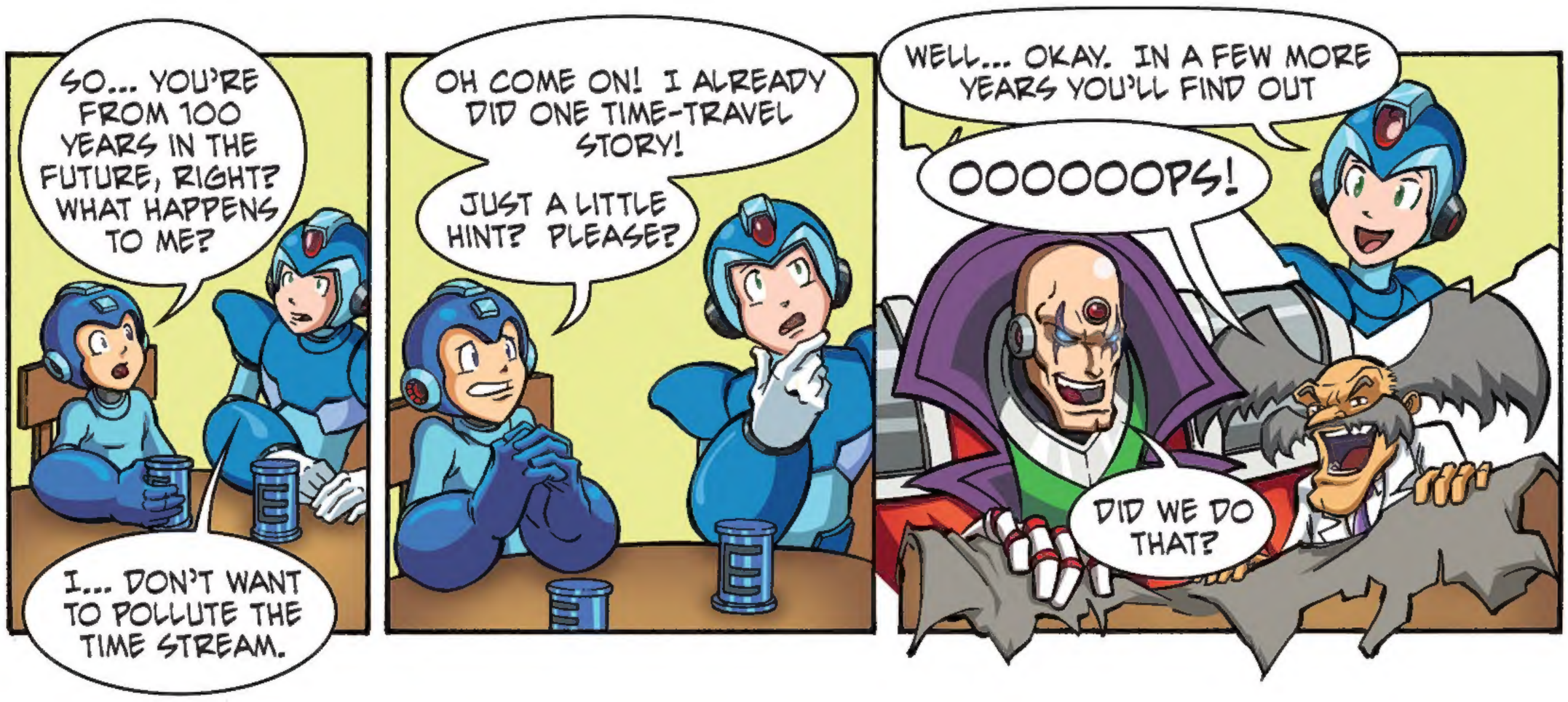
SO... YOU'RE FROM 100 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, RIGHT? WHAT HAPPENS TO ME?
I... DON'T WANT TO POLLUTE THE TIME STREAM.
OH COME ON! I ALREADY DID ONE TIME-TRAVEL STORY!
JUST A LITTLE HINT? PLEASE?
WELL... OKAY. IN A FEW MORE YEARS YOU'LL FIND OUT
OOOOOOPS!
DID WE DO THAT?

MEGA MAN™ 40 COLLECTOR COVER SPOTLIGHT

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